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## Putting Money Where Your Mouth Is Bush’s Record Funding the Programs He Touted in State of the Union

WASHINGTON – This week President Bush gave his annual State of the Union address to the Congress. On Monday he will send Congress his Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Request.

The Democratic Staff of the House Appropriations Committee has prepared the below chart comparing what he said in his State of the Union address with what he did last year in his FY 2006 Budget Request.

Bush’s State of the Union	Bush’s Funding Record
<p>“In recent years, you <b>and I have taken unprecedented action to fight AIDS and malaria</b>, expand the education of girls, and reward developing nations that are moving forward with economic and political reform.”</p>	<p>President Bush has announced a new malaria initiative, but his last three budgets made significant cuts to malaria funding. Last year he requested malaria funding be cut from \$90 million to \$57 million.</p>
<p>“Keeping America competitive requires us to be good stewards of tax dollars. Every year of my presidency, we have reduced the growth of non-security discretionary spending - and last year you passed bills that cut this spending.”</p> <p>“This year my budget will cut it again, and reduce or <b>eliminate more than 140 programs that are performing poorly or not fulfilling essential priorities.</b>”</p> <p>“<b>By passing these reforms, we will save the American taxpayer another 14 billion dollars next year - and stay on track to cut the deficit in half by 2009.</b>”</p>	<p>Some of the ‘non-priority’ programs Mr. Bush proposed eliminating last year: Comprehensive School Reform, Educational Technology State Grants, K-12 Foreign Language Grants, Even Start, Vocational Education State Grants, GEAR UP, Safe and Drug Free Schools State Grants, Community Technology Centers, LEAP, Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity, Teacher Quality Enhancement Program, Emergency Medical Services for Children, Healthy Community Access Program, Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, HOPE VI, COPS Hiring Grants, and COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Grants.</p> <p>Many of these cuts will cause direct, serious damage to programs that help Americans in their everyday lives while providing savings that are peanuts compared to the \$51 billion it will cost to pay for the tax cuts for the wealthiest one percent of Americans this year.</p>

<b>Bush's State of the Union</b>	<b>Bush's Funding Record</b>
<p>“Keeping America competitive requires us to open more markets for all that Americans make and grow. One out of every five factory jobs in America is related to global trade, and we want people everywhere to buy American. <b>With open markets and a level playing field, no one can out-produce or out-compete the American worker.</b>”</p>	<p>7.6 million Americans are out of work. 2.8 million manufacturing jobs have been lost since Bush took office. Last year, the President's budget proposal cut employment, training and unemployment services for American workers by \$413 million.</p> <p>Bush's budget also cut the International Labor Affairs Bureau, responsible for creating a level playing field by preventing abusive child labor and protecting worker rights and wages around the world, by 87%.</p>
<p>“Keeping America competitive requires affordable health care. <b>Our government has a responsibility to help provide health care for the poor and the elderly, and we are meeting that responsibility.</b>”</p> <p>“For all Americans, <b>we must confront the rising cost of care ... strengthen the doctor-patient relationship ... and help people afford the insurance coverage they need.</b>”</p>	<p>45 million Americans are without health insurance. Last year, Bush's budget cut the government agency responsible for healthcare access, the Health Resources and Services Administration, by \$842 million.</p> <p>For example, Bush's budget: cut Rural Health and Telemedicine by 69% or \$76 million; eliminated the Healthy Communities Access Program, which made grants to improve healthcare access for uninsured and underinsured Americans; and cut the Health Professions Programs, which increases the number of minority students in health professions schools and encourages medical students to go into primary care fields and practice in underserved communities, by 96% or \$289 million.</p>
<p>“... I announce the Advanced Energy Initiative - <b>a 22-percent increase in clean-energy research at the Department of Energy</b>, to push for breakthroughs in two vital areas. To change how we power our homes and offices, we will invest more in zero-emission coal-fired plants; revolutionary solar and wind technologies; and clean, safe nuclear energy.”</p>	<p>The Energy bill Bush recently signed into law included \$14.5 billion in subsidies for profitable energy companies.</p> <p>As President he's repeatedly expressed concerns about America's energy needs. Last year's budget request noted that the "Administration's efficiency and renewable energy programs have the potential to produce substantial benefits for the nation -- both now and in the future -- in terms of economic growth, increased energy security and a cleaner environment." The rhetoric did not match the request, as the President's budget request cut funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs by \$48.2 million.</p>

<b>Bush’s State of the Union</b>	<b>Bush’s Funding Record</b>
<p>“We need to <b>encourage children to take more math and science</b>, and make sure those courses are rigorous enough to compete with other nations.”</p> <p>“We have made a good start in the early grades with the <b>No Child Left Behind Act</b>, which is raising standards and lifting test scores across our country.”</p> <p>“Tonight I propose to train 70,000 high school teachers, to lead advanced-placement courses in math and science ... bring 30,000 math and science professionals to teach in classrooms ... and give early help to students who struggle with math, so they have a better chance at good, high-wage jobs.”</p>	<p>Last year’s Bush budget proposal would have funded No Child Left Behind (NCLB) at \$12 billion less than promised under bill he signed creating NCLB.</p> <p>Under the Republican appropriations bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush last year, No Child Left Behind Programs were cut by \$1 billion.</p> <p>In last year’s budget request, President Bush proposed cutting Education grants at the National Science Foundation by just over \$100 million for the second year in a row. The result was Math and Science Partnerships were cut by 24%, Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education was cut by 23%, Undergraduate Education was cut by 2% and Research, Evaluation, and Communication was cut by 43%.</p>
<p>“A hopeful society acts boldly to fight diseases like HIV/AIDS, which can be prevented, and treated, and defeated. More than a million Americans live with HIV, and half of all AIDS cases occur among African-Americans. <b>I ask Congress to reform and reauthorize the Ryan White Act ... and provide new funding to states, so we end the waiting lists for AIDS medicine in America.</b>”</p>	<p>The Bush request for the Ryan White AIDS Program in his budget last year was \$83 million less than would have been necessary just to keep up with inflation as compared with the funding for FY 2001, even though the number of people living with HIV/AIDS has increased significantly.</p>

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